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## \$5,000 REWARD FOR HELP IN 2005 MURDER OF MICHAEL EWER, KILLED AT BALL FIELD IN LANSDALE

NORRISTOWN, Pa. (Oct. 20, 2020)—On the 15th anniversary of the murder of Michael Ewer, found at a baseball field in Lansdale, Montgomery County District Attorney Kevin R. Steele and Lansdale Police Chief Mike Trail reached out to the public today asking for help in solving this 2005 murder. The reward has been increased to \$5,000, available to anyone who provides information that leads to the arrest and conviction of his killer or killers.

On Thursday, Oct. 20, 2005, at 1:49 p.m., Lansdale Police responded to Memorial Park in Lansdale for a report of a lifeless body found in the visitor dugout at the baseball field. Upon arrival, police found a white male, later identified as Michael Ewer, 49 years old, who had suffered a massive head injury. Ewer was found inside a sleeping bag on the dugout floor. From the position of his body, it appeared to police that he was sleeping at the time he was attacked. An autopsy determined the cause of death was blunt force trauma to the head and the manner of death was homicide.

Initially, the Montgomery County District Attorney offered a \$1,000 reward. DA Steele has increased that reward to \$5,000, saying that sometimes a seemingly small fact that someone remembers might be helpful to detectives as they work to find the killer and clear this murder.

"Please call detectives and share any detail about that day or the overnight hours around the baseball field," said DA Steele. "We want to find Michael's murderer and bring justice to this family that has been grieving for 15 years. Do the right thing and share anything you know."

This remains an active investigation. Anyone with information is asked to call the Montgomery County Detective Bureau at 610-278-3368 or the Lansdale Police Department at 215-368-1801.

Approved for release:

Kevin R. Steele

# \$5,000 REWARD

FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THE MURDER OF



The Montgomery County District Attorney's Office is offering a \$5,000 reward for information leading to the apprehension and conviction of the person(s) responsible for the murder of Michael Ewer.

On Oct. 20, 2005, Ewer, 49, was found beaten to death inside his sleeping bag in a baseball dugout at Memorial Park, East Main Street and South Line Street in Lansdale, Pennsylvania.

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